

FY07 STATE POLICE TROOPER RECRUIT SCHOOL REPORT

First Quarter

December 1, 2006

Legislative action in the FY07 budget, P.A. 345 of 2006 (Article 17), included boilerplate requiring a report on the status of the department's plan for a recruit school in FY07. The language reads as follows:

Sec. 218 (1) Funds appropriated in part 1 for at-post troopers shall only be expended for trooper salaries, wages, benefits, retirement, equipment, supplies, and other expenses directly related to state troopers assigned to general law enforcement duties at a department post, detachment, satellite office, or a resident trooper function.

(2) From the funds appropriated in part 1 for at-post troopers, a trooper school shall be conducted beginning not later than August 15, 2007 for the purpose of graduating not fewer than 50 new troopers with the goal of maintaining at-post trooper strength of at least 1.075 on September 30, 2007.

(3) The department shall submit quarterly written reports to the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on state police and military and veterans affairs no later than December 1, 2006, March 1, 2007, June 1, 2007 and September 1, 2007 which shall include a trooper strength report and the status of the department's plan for accomplishing the goal of subsection (2). If the department determines that insufficient appropriations exist under part 1 to accomplish the goal of subsection (2), the department shall submit a proposal outlining a plan to accomplish the goal including an accounting of any additional funding necessary to that end.

As of November 18, 2006, the MSP at-post trooper strength was 1,040. Section 218(2) of the department's FY2007 appropriation requires the department to conduct a recruit school beginning no later than August 15, 2007. In order to comply with this requirement, the department is currently engaged in preliminary testing, interviewing and background checks of prospective recruit candidates.